

Ahead of the Utah Prison Relocation Commission's Open House which is to be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Grantsville High School from 4-9 pm, the Grantsville City Mayor and City Council would like to take this opportunity to reiterate their opposition to the relocation of the Utah State Prison within Grantsville City or Tooele County. Grantsville City along with the surrounding municipal leaders, County Commissioners, and our State Representatives are in unison in their opposition to relocating the State Prison from Draper City.

This meeting might be your only opportunity to be heard by the Prison Relocation Commission. We strongly encourage you to come to this meeting to have your questions answered and to have your voices heard. You will be allowed to submit written questions for the PRC during a two-hour, moderated panel discussion. Please be courteous and respectful throughout this event.

Our shared concerns with the prison moving to Tooele County, and in particular Grantsville City are:

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to update its wastewater treatment facility at a cost exceeding \$100,000,000 as calculated by AQUA Engineering.

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to update its culinary water infrastructure at a cost exceeding \$15,000,000 as calculated by AQUA Engineering.

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to upgrade roads and other transportation infrastructure.

All of the infrastructure upgrades stated herein, even if paid for upfront by the State to which there is no guarantee as such, the cost of maintaining this infrastructure would fall entirely to the citizens of Grantsville as the State would not be required to pay any taxes on their improvements or use of the prison property. None of these costs would be required by the City without the prison being forced into the community.

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to hire at least 6 additional facility maintenance employees at a minimum cost of \$71,295 per year, per employee, totaling \$427,794 per year. This cost would only increase each year thereafter.

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to build a new public safety building at a cost of over \$3,000,000. This facility would have annual upkeep and operation cost that would continue each year thereafter.

The proposed site would require Grantsville City to hire no fewer than 10 new public safety officers at a minimum cost of \$76,504 per year, per officer, totaling \$765,045 per year. This cost would only increase each year thereafter.

All of the costs associated with new employee salaries and benefits and the cost of a public safety building's upfront cost and long term maintenance would fall entirely to the Citizens of Grantsville as the State would not be required to pay any taxes on their improvements or use

of the prison property. None of these costs would be required by the City without the prison being forced into the community.

Lewis, Young, Robertson, and Birmingham, and independent municipal financial advisory and consulting firm, was retained by Grantsville City to conduct an analysis intended to measure the potential economic impact of using the proposed prison site of viable land area for a non-revenue producing governmental facility. For purposes of this analysis, LYRB assumed that the prison would be relocated on 500 acres of land directly west of the Wal-Mart Distribution Facility, as the State has specified that 500 acres is needed area to relocate the prison.

It is anticipated if the land was left in the private sector that most of the site will develop into commercial and industrial uses with some potential for a multi-family residential component. The value of the additional economic development amounts to \$143,867,425 by 2054. This development will result in additional property tax, sales tax, franchise tax, corporate and income tax revenues to all governmental entities. They project private development will generate a net benefit of approximately \$74.28 million to all taxing entities. If this area of land is removed from the tax scrolls it will be a great financial lose to Grantsville City.

While members of the State Legislature continue with the rhetoric that relocating the prison will be an economic boon for the State, it will be nothing but a burden and never ending debt for Utah Citizens living in the Tooele Valley. These same members of the Legislature continually balk at the actions of our Federal Government, which they proclaim to be "federal overstep" into state affairs, and its passing of unfunded mandates forced upon them as "tyranny" and an injustice by government "run-a-muck". It appears our state government has learned from the best.

The Grantsville Mayor and City Council request and encourages all citizens of Tooele County to attend and make our voices heard!

Respectfully,

Mayor Brent Marshall
Councilman Scott Stice
Councilman Mike Johnson
Councilman Tom Tripp
Councilman Mike Colson
Councilman Neil Critchlow